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Welcome Meghan!



Hi, everyone! I'm Meghan! I was born and raised in Muskegon, Mi, and recently took the plunge into moving even further north, to Traverse City. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan University in 2017— Go Broncos!

I'm incredibly excited to have this opportunity to work with everyone, and to learn how to better serve our community together. Since coming to TC, I've discovered a love of kayaking— So, if I'm nowhere to be found, chances are that I've found my way to one of the many awesome rivers or lakes in the area. I'm already enjoying so much of what the town has to offer, so I can only imagine that working in this position will be the cherry on top of the cake. Stop by and say hi, I'd love to meet you all soon! -Meghan

CASA Annual State Conference, **The Power of ONE** November 9 & 10, 2018



Topics included Special Education and IEPs, Drug Addiction, Human Trafficking, Diversity & Inclusion and so much more! Saturday's Keynote speaker was Dr. Jim Henry, this nation's leader in childhood trauma. CASA Quarterbacks from Richland County CASA in South Carolina were also present giving their ideas about volunteer recruitment and retention! It was an action packed weekend of networking, learning and fun!

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Jim Henry—Michigan CASA had Dr. Jim Henry as the keynote speaker on Saturday morning at the State Conference. Dr. Henry is a co-founder and project director for the Western Michigan University Children's Trauma Assessment Center. He has a professional history that includes more than 17 years as a child welfare and protective services worker. He has been a professor in WMU's School of Social Work for 15 years, with a focus on developing and providing trauma-informed instruction in the social work curriculum.

Dr. Henry has trained more than 50,000 professionals, caregivers, and community members on child maltreatment and trauma-informed practices. He recently has developed a secondary trauma training focusing on understanding the impact of secondary trauma, grief, and building resiliency.

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2 Lake Glass Mugs

Kilwin's Shredded Chocolate

The Frozen Coast XL Hoodie Sweatshirt

2 Traverse City Cherry Coasters

Set of 4 Michigan Coasters

Fustini's 18 Yr. Balsamic Vinegar

Michigan Cherry Coffee-Coffee Express

Spiced Cherry Wine from Traverse Bay Winery

Traverse City State Hospital by Chris Miller

Old Traverse City by J.A. Moore

Benjamin Twiggs Cherry Festival Preserves

Earrings and Necklace ~Blown Glass Cherries

by James C. Smith Fine Jewelry



Grand Traverse Co. CASA Basket

The Volunteer Services crew put their creative sides to work, crafting a basket of Traverse City themed goodies to be raffled off at the conference! Items include local-made products such as candies, glassware, and even a sampling of local wines. All proceeds went towards funding next year's state CASA conference!



Learning Partners are in need of more volunteers, and in need of more students! We are getting the word out to schools and families, and trying to get kids where we have volunteers. But we need volunteers for a few locations: we have kids in need of support in Kingsley - Laura can tell you more if you might be interested!

We didn't have many students available for the Old Town Playhouse performances, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, but we look forward to ice skating in January. December's meeting will be December 4th, **January's meeting will be just a week later than usual on January 8th.**

No November meeting

Due to the holidays and the CASA conference taking place Nov. 9-10, we will have one monthly CASA meeting for November and December on ***Tuesday December 4th from 9-11 A.M.***

We are very excited to have District Court probation officers presenting on

Adult Sobriety Court.

Please join us, if you can!

See below for program description.

Sobriety Court

About the Program

In 2001, the 86th District Court implemented the Sobriety Court program in response to the serious community problem of drunk driving. Judge Michael S. Stepka presides over the Sobriety Court at the Antrim and Grand Traverse County Courthouses and handles eligible recovery court cases that **occur.**



November

Abigail Barker
Roy Bernier, Jr.
Carla Bloom
Jennifer Derthick
Autumn Freudigman
Art Gibson
Rob Gray
Kathy Tahtinen

December

Jane Becker
Donna Burnside
Mary Meernik
Thad Saur
Sue Schmidt
Bill Vaillancourt
Nancy Winogrodzki



GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
MELANIE D. STANTON, PROBATE & FAMILY COURT JUDGE
280 Washington St., Suite B 150, Traverse City, MI 49684
231-922-4827

Or Current Resident

Learning Partners

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday November 6, 2018

Tuesday December 4, 2018



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

Tuesday December 4, 2018 9-11am



***All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.**